

I think that this is an excellent legislation. After all, a new copy protection system will be implemented which will give the movie industry a false sense of security that even the DMCA couldn't stop from being cracked and published after 100 million digital TV receivers were shipped rendering the protection system useless.

Even the cost of this legislation is incredibly ridiculous since it's legislating mandating a technology which protects nobody from anything except for broken wishes.

If you disagree with this, then please refer to Macrovision for video tapes and CSS for DVD media. Software will be published to circumvent these protection mechanisms and video will be just as easily copied and distributed.

For one last point of interest. Last I checked, Australian legislation often legislates the opposite which makes it so that no digital TV receiver would be allowed to ship with these mechanisms which means that American pirates will simply ship a DVD recorder to themselves from Australia.

Well that's my 2 cents.

P.S. - Someone please tell CBS and the other broadcasters in favor of this that if someone told them that this would deter piracy, they need to get a new technical advisor. The technology they're looking for simply can not be made.